

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method for treatment ~~and/or prophylaxis of congestive heart failure~~ in a mammalian patient suffering there from, which method comprises administration to the patient of a congestive heart failure treating ~~[[an]]~~ effective amount of apoptotic bodies, with consequent alleviation of the patient's symptoms of congestive heart failure.

Claim 17 (original): The method of Claim 16 wherein the apoptotic bodies are in a liquid suspension along with viable cells.

Claim 18 (original): The method of Claim 17 wherein the apoptotic bodies comprise from 10% to 90% of the cellular portion of the suspension.

Claim 19 (original): The method of Claim 18 wherein the apoptotic bodies comprise from 30% to 70% of the cellular portion of the suspension.

Claim 20 (original): The method of Claim 18 wherein the apoptotic bodies are derived from extracorporeal treatment of blood cells compatible with those of the mammalian patient.

Claim 21 (original): The method of Claim 16 wherein the apoptotic bodies are derived from established cultured cell lines.

Claim 22 (original): The method of Claim 20 wherein the blood cells are white blood cells of blood compatible with that of the mammalian patient.

Claim 23 (original): The method of Claim 22 wherein the blood cells are the patient's own white blood cells.

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Claim 24 (original): The method of Claim 23 wherein the blood cells are the patient's own T lymphocytes.

Claim 25 (original): The method of Claim 16 wherein the effective amount of apoptotic bodies comprises from 10,000 to 10,000,000 apoptotic bodies per kilogram body weight of the patient, administered as a dosage.

Claim 26 (original): The method of Claim 25 wherein the dosage contains from 500,000 to 5,000,000 apoptotic bodies per kilogram body weight of the patient.

Claim 27 (original): The method of Claim 25 wherein the dosage contains from 1,500,000 to 4,000,000 apoptotic bodies per kilogram body weight of the patient.

Claim 28 (original): The method of Claim 25, wherein the mammalian patient is a human.

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